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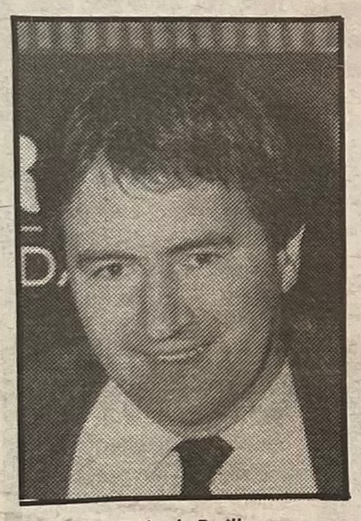

● Jack Reilly

Late last year, Mr Jack Reilly, then Chairman of the VSF, dropped a bombshell when he announced that he had decided against seeking re-election.

The closing months of his tenure of office had been marked by controversy over the proposals to re-organise the structure of the VSF, but Reilly refused to proffer that as a reason for quitting, instead he contended himself by saying he was standing down for personal reasons.

Last week, he finally broke his silence in an exclusive interview with Soccer Star, ***in which he tells of his frustration and eventual disillusionment with soccer's hierarchy.***

Reilly's departure from the scene represents a big loss for soccer, let us hope it is only a temporary one.

As he says in our interview, soccer has given him the biggest highs and lows of his life and it is in his blood, so let us hope that he does return soon, bringing with him his acknowledged business expertise.

Until he does return, he will be sorely missed.

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PRESTON BOMBSHELL

SUPRE E COURT DECISION HAS FA REACHING IMPLICATIONS

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PRESTON Makedonia Soccer club has been forced to leave the B.T. Connor Reserve as a result of a decision handed down by Mr Justice Nathan in the Supreme Court last May.

Minister for Town Planning Mr Tom Roper, has told the club that as a consequence of Mr Justice Nathan's finding it can admit no more than 3000 spectators to any match at Connor Reserve, and games could not continue past 6 pm.

these conditions being impossible to fulfil, the club has been forced to transfer its home matches to Olympic Park, a move that has caused consternation at the VSF, which will now have to re-draw the State League fixtures to avoid a clash with Brunswick Juventus, which is also using Olympic Park.

Preston is fighting to have the ban lifted and has called a public meeting for Tuesday January 31, at 7 pm in Preston Town Hall.

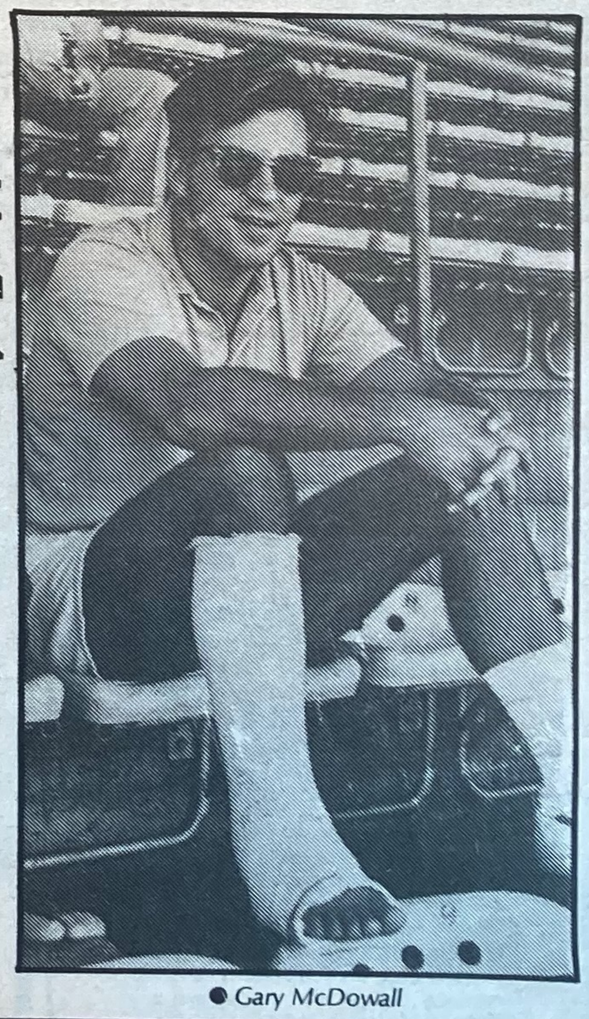
The club stresses that the meeting will not be confined to members and asks that as many soccer fans as possible attend.

Despite his latest misfortune, Garry McDowall can still raise a smile.

McDowall's nightmare 1988 seemed to be ending on a bright note when he was restored to the Socceroo squad for the Trans-Tasman Cup match against New Zealand in October.

But after suffering a lot of pain in his right ankle he consulted a specialist who advised an operation to strengthen the offending joint.

McDowall hopes to be back in training in six weeks, meanwhile his planned transfer to Melbourne City is in limbo.



● Gary McDowall

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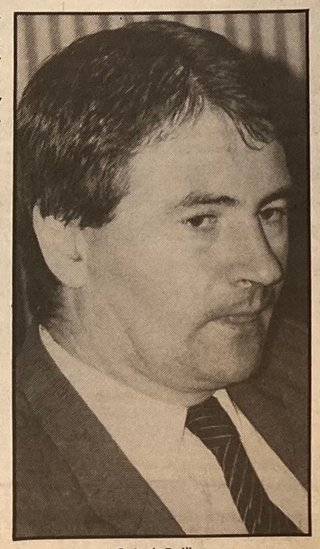
REILLY SPEAKS OUT

Victorian Soccer has been done a disservice

By LES SHORROCK

"I am committing myself now — not in twelve months or two years' time with the benefit of hindsight, but right now — when I say that Victorian soccer has been done a very grave disservice by a handful of discontented clubs.



● Jack Reilly

"The VSF has put itself in a position whereby it has to answer to the member clubs for every decision it makes and that is simply ludicrous.'

That was Jack Reilly's blunt opening statement as we settled down to a discussion on the reasons for his abrupt departure from the VSF.

I opened the bowling with a yorker when I said' "I've heard a dozen different explanations for your decision, but not one from you. Are you prepared now to tell us the real reason?"

"Les," he said, "if you want it in one word — that word would have to be frustration, but that doesn't adequately sum up all I feel, and anyway we all get frustrated from time to time, wha tever we do.

"But there is much more to it than that.

"As a starting point, let's take the matter of the reconstruction of the VSF, or the re-allocation of clubs, call it what you like.

"The word went around that Jack Reilly wanted to do this and Jack Reilly wanted to do that.

"That was an over-simplification.

"What Jack Reilly wanted to do as Chairman of the Board, was to endorse the action of his Board which had unanimously agreed to go along with the recommendations of the forward planning committee.

"Reducing all the VSF's League divisions to twelve clubs each was only one of several recommendations by the planners.

"But because that involved a lot of clubs being relegated, that was seized upon and all the other recommendations ignored.

The plan was known about twenty months before the 1988 AGM.

"It was discussed at the Management Committee meetings of the State, Victorian and Provisional several times during that period.

"And at the Victorian League AGM, prior to the VSF AGM of November 10, the three candidates for the League chairmanship were asked in turn from the floor whether they agreed with the re-construction.

"They all replied without any equivocation that they were wholeheartedly in favour, whereupon one of them was elected.

WHY DIDN'T THEY OBJECT THEN?

"It was at that point in time that the so-called 'rebel clubs' of the Victorian League had the opportunity to do something about it, but they chose to remain silent.

"Then came the Annual General Meeting of the VSF itself when the 'rebels' fielded three candidates for different positions and all were soundly defeated in the democratic process.

"Right after the AGM the first meeting of the new Board of Management agreed unanimously to go ahead with re-construction.

"So did the State League at its Management Committee meeting and so did the Victorian League.

"Newly-appointed VSF Chairman Vito Cilauro took the decision back to the clubs and also tole the Press that the re-construction would go ahead.

"But the 'rebels' wouldn't accept that and announced that they would mount a legal challenge to the Board (despite a FIFA ruling thast forbids member clubs from going into court against their ruling body).

"Now, in my opinion, that group had accepted advice that was of dubious legality to put it mildly, and you have to ask yourself are we acting in the best interests of the game when we challenge decisions that have been reached by people elected by the democratic process.

"I myself, before I decided to support the recommendations of the forward planning committee sought advice from not just one but three different legal sources, who assured me that what we planned was constitutional.

"Faced with a threatened legal challenge the Board did a volteface and capitulated, and then disgracefully, the President made a speech at the extended VSF AGM on December 1 apologising for the Board being wrong!

"Now it is my belief that the VSF needs a total cleanout, from top to bottom, because as long as it continues to operate as it is doing, with a loud minority dictating affairs no self-respecting person will want to stay.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT

"You see Les, the future is bright for soccer if only it is guided in the right direction.

"We are in a position right now where the Victorian Health Foundation has made a very substantial offer to the ASF covering the next five years which would bring in $100,000 a year to the VSF with no strings attached, but because of infighting with people all pulling in different directions, the deal is in jeopardy.

"We won't get anywhere until the day comes when all the people in the game — and that means everyone, players, administrators, press, referees, the lot — can sit down together and discuss dispassionately and objectively what we are trying to do with the game, both at State level and a national level.

"Until that day comes, we are all totally wasting our time.

"If anybody tried to run his business the way we are trying to run soccer, he would finish up in the same condition as soccer — virtually bankrupt.

"Yet there is so much that can be done on the positive side.

"For a start there is the matter of the talent drain.

"I cringe every time I read in the newspapers that people are complaining about players going overseas to better themselves.

"The same newspapers don't bother to mention the fact that there are agents here in Victoria, promoting our players overseas and gaining lucrative contracts for them.

"Now what would be wrong with the ASF decreeing that if a player wanted to go to an overseas club, that club should pay a levy of say $30,000 that would go straight to the junior organisations to help to produce more players?

"We shouldn't be cutting off our nose to spite our face, instead we should be looking for ways to exploit this demand.

"On the overseas market, Australian players still come very, very cheap.

BUT WHY QUIT?

"But to come back to your original question, Les, why quit... why not stand and fight it out?"

"Well I can tell you right off that I didn't quit through any fear of being defeated.

"I'm egotistical enough to believe that if I had stood I would have won because I had the numbers.

"But you only put your time and efforts into things that you have a total belief in and I had lost my belief in the people around me.

"I lost my belief in what we were trying to achieve and I just couldn't see us progressing at the rate that was required.

"I said when I came in that I wasn't prepared to sit around for 20 years being looked on as a terrific fellow and trying to manipulate people left right and centre.

"I said I was there to do a job and I found that I was just being totally hindered and I just had to go.

"If others feel that they can do the job better, good luck to them.

"But I'll make this statement right here and now — I was right and they will come back to my way of thinking and sooner than later."

"I'LL BE BACK!"

"I've always said that I owe the game a lot... it has given me the greatest highs of my life but it has also given me the deepest lows.

"It's in my blood, though and of course I'm always going to be around in the game somehow.

"Oh, I'll be back all right, but when I do come back I won't be relying on the people who have been around for too long and virtually doing nothing to advance the game.

"I'll have my own people with me, people that I can totally trust — forward-thinking people — not reactionaries from the past.

"But the problem besetting the VSF at the moment is that a vocal minority is getting its way and rurining the game, and unless the silent majority — the wellmeaning people out there who have the good of the game at heart stand up to be counted we are never going to achieve anything positive.

"My philosophy is this.

"If you are a member of the Board, you have only two choices.

"You either commit yourself to backing the majority vote of the Board, or you quit.

"But we don't have people like that — we have people who are not committed to the majority vote, in fact we have people who aren't even committed to the unanimous vote of the Board.

"Some of them go outside the Boardroom and tell people, 'oh, no, I didn't vote for that.'

"And they form little cliques and undermine the game for their own ends.

"What this period in my life has shown me is that the motivating force with most people in the game is sheer self-preservation.

"They are interested solely in their own well-being and to hell with the game."

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IF 1988 is destined to go down in history as the Bicentennial year, surely this year is set to become known as the year of the never-ending season.
The NSL season begins on Sunday next, January 22, the VSF season started last Friday and concludes with the Dockerty Cup Final on October 29.

SNIPPETS

By LES SHORROCK

THE NEVER-ENDING SEASON

Welcome to 1989.

The 1989-80 NSL season commences the very next week, on November 4, to be exact.

The proffered excuse for all this madness is that the game will get more media coverage in summer.

It isn't true of course, as a glance at the Melbourne newspapers during December and January will soon demonstrate.

Of the three major newspapers, "The Age's" soccer coverage is miniscule at the best of times and during this off-season it has almost disappeared.

The attitude of "The Age's" sports staff towards soccer is one of indifference bordering on contempt, and it cares nought for accuracy either (e.g. the unfortunate Garry McDowall was recently reported as having had knee surgery... but the plaster is round his ankle!).

Both "The Herald" and "The Sun" still employ a full-time soccer writer but when they take their annual six-week holiday, nobody is assigned to stand-in for them, so soccer just disappears without trace.

How different it is with that Melbourne obsession, aerial ping-pong.

All three major newspapers, plus the two Sundays, are still devoting acres of space to that game, in fact the failing "Herald" is busy counting down the days to the 1989 Grand Final!

Soccer coverage in fact, shrinks virtually to nothing in "The Age" even before the season has ended.

There was little copy and no picture of the semi-finals and final of the Dockerty Cup because for those two successive Mondays a whole page of "The Age" sports section was devoted to extolling the merits of the 25 best Victorian sportsman of 1988, complete with head-shots and pen portraits by one Michelle Brown.

Fair enough, they all deserved their moment of fame, even though we all knew who the winner would be, Victorian winners of Olympic Gold medals being as rare as hen's teeth.

But despite the fact that the Socceroos enjoyed their best year ever since 1974 (and on second thoughts, '88 probably surpassed even that glorious year), the ineffable Ms Brown saw fit not to include a single Victorian Socceroo!

No captain Charlie Yankos, despite two goals against Argentina that shook the soccer world, no Oscar Crino, no Alan Davidson, no Jeff Olver.

Despite the fact that no other Australian sporting team came remotely within cooee of achieving anything like the Socceroos' wins over World champion Argentina and Olympic bronze medallist Yugoslavia, not to mention that just qualifying for the Olympics was a major feat in itself, Brown nevertheless treated the team with disdain.

So what's the point of disrupting our lives with this silly midsummer madness when the Melbourne sports editors to a man, so obviously display their dislike for the game?

The NSL's Messrs Papasavas and Labbozzetta, with their profound lack of understanding of media manipulation should take a leaf out of basketball's book.

Our administrators in their wisdom, turn the soccer season upside-down and then sit back and hope that the newspapers will pick up the idea and write reams of copy about the game in summer because there is nothing else to write about.

But it doesn't work that way.

Those reporters on the dailies who cover basketball will tell you that they get 'phone calls night and day from publicity people, because basketball is being sold to the press.

Contrast that with our attitude.

Twelve years down the track, the NSL still has no Media Relations Officer... for that matter, neither has the VSF.

Nobody rings us, we have to chase administrators and club officials alike to learn what is happening; for all the help it is, the NSL office could be in Timbuktoo and not in Sydney.

VSF SHOULD THINK AGAIN

Here in Melbourne, the VSF or to be more specific, the State League could do a lot more to help itself.

Soccer in this city is lucky in that it has two Sunday newspapers that are only too willing to cover Saturday matches, as indeed we are too.

But my heart sank when this season's State League fixture list landed on my desk.

Apparently, no fewer than six clubs are prepared to play on Saturday, which is good, but what isn't so good is the fact that no-one took the trouble to split them evenly, to give us three Saturday games a week.

Instead, it looks as though one week it's a choice of travelling to Morwell or Altona and the following week, no fewer than four clubs are at home.

Since deadline times put travelling to Morwell out of the question it looks as if Altona Gate is going to get saturation coverage this year.

When I rang newly-appointed State League chairman Lew Stafrace to see if he could help, he told me that neither the State League Management Committee nor the Fixtures Committee had met yet.

In fact, he went on to say, because of the holidays coming right on top of that horrendous mess that the AGM turned into, there hasn't been time to appoint any committees.

But there is some hope yet.

Juventus is screaming about the fixture list, because its home fixtures clash with Preston's, and now that Preston has chosen to play at Olympic Park Juve can't play there.

Since the VSF will now have to re-draw its fixture list, would it not be possible to re-arrange its Saturday fixtures at the same time?

Don't hold your breath.

IS THIS OPEN GOVERNMENT, OR ANARCHY?

Once upon a time, when the soccer season could be distinguished from the summer season, we also used to have a close season, when for three months or so we could do the gardening, renew our acquaintance with our wives, go on holidays, paint the odd fence and go to see some cricket.

That's all as remote as black and white television now, and thanks to the disharmony that reared its ugly head at the end of last season, culminating in that disgraceful AGM, we haven't been able to get the game out of our minds since the Dockerty Cup-final.

Thanks to the Gang of Five, who set out to disrupt proceedings as much as possible and succeeded,

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● No fewer than nine players from Melbourne clubs played in the Socceroo team that beat New Zealand 2-0 in Bendigo to win back the Trans-Tasman Cup.
They are back row: Oscar Crino, Paul Wade, Gary van Egmond Garry McDowall, Mike Petersen.

Front row:
Alan Davidson, Warren Spink, Angie Postecoglou, Jeff Olver.
But the question is, when next will Victorians get the opportunity to see them playing for the Socceroos?

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CROYDON CITY 1 (van Egmond pen. 74th) ST ALBANS 0.

State League Cup-holder Croydon City advanced to a quarter-final meeting with South Melbourne when it beat St. Albans 1-0 in the torrid heat on Saturday night.

Croydon, under its new player-coach Ian Dobson, fielded its captures from Box Hill, Steve Brimmer and ***Soccer Star*** Ansett award winner Alan Roodhouse.

St Albans' new coach, 1985 Rothmans Medallist Branko Culina hasn't been as fortunate as Dobson — he has lost top goalscorer Ivan Kelic to Melbourne Croatia and Fleming Medallist Ivan Duzel whose future lies in the hands of the Immigration Department.

But he has received a consolation prize in Dennis Morovic, back after an unhappy year with Heidelberg to the club where he was the League's top goalscorer in 1987.

Branko Culina must at times have wished he was on the field, like his opposite number Ian Dobson, as Croydon ran rings round his ragged outfit.

Croydon's margin of victory would have been greater but for its poor finishing, and it was left to the reliable Nick van Egmond to steer it through to the next round.

A minute after Andy Humble had rattled the St Albans cross-bar from point-blank range, Goran Runje was fouled inside the box and Van Egmond made no mistake with his spot-kick, although 'keeper Mato Krajina got a despairing hand to the ball.

Five minutes from full-time Zelko Gagula's cross from the right caught the Croydon defence napping and Morovic rose high to lob over the head of Croydon goalkeeper Mirko Runje.

Unfortunately for St Albans, his header skimmed the cross-bar and we were spared the tedium of 20 minutes of extra time.

It is far to early to be drawing conclusions after just one game, but Croydon look capable of being a top four contender again, whilst it seems Culina has a lot of work to do.

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HEIDELBERG 0 GREEN GULLY 0 (Heidelberg won 3-2 on penalties)

Most of the pre-match interest in this, the second and better game of Saturday night's double-header, centred on Heidelberg's new signings.

Coach Jim Tansey gave Alagozidis, Douglas and Burgess a whole game and brought on Goutzioulis in the middle of the second half.

Gully has bought the very useful Tommy Daley fromGully to replace Douglas, and picked up Steve Chetcuti from Maribyrnong.

Otherwise it's the mixture as before for the Greens, who were missing Colin Quigley and Joe O'Donnell who has not yet returned from Scotland.

The game didn't lack goulmouth incidents, but with both defences holding firm, (Charlie Sant in the Gully goal was particularly safe) and the forwards of both sides squandering opportunities, extra time was inevitable.

After fifteen minutes, Alagozidis crossed well and low into the Gully penalty area, Sant courageously went down amongst the flying boots but could only parry the ball towards Phil Stubbins, whose shot went high over the bar.

It was Stubbins versus Sant again 18 minutes later.

Little Lou Theodosopoulos shot and Sant palmed the ball to Stubbins following up.

Stubbins seemed certain to score, but Sant somehow got a hand to the ball again and it rolled slowly and agonisingly past the far post as the Heidelberg faithful went thrugh paroxysms of frustration.

Right on the stroke of halftime, Heidelberg had a let-off when Daley's penetrating cross from the right found an unmarked Robert Grimaud lurking by the far post.

But Grimaud just failed to connect and Heidelberg escaped.

In the second half Alagozidis who loves to take defenders on dribbled past two of them into the box only to see Sant tip his powerful shot over the bar.

Goutzioulis who had replaced Theodosopoulos almost became an instant hero as he left his marker for dead, but with only Sant to beat his shot curled woefully wide.

Then, in extra-time, it was Goutzioulis who picked up the ball from a throw-in, shrugged off two defenders and set up Stubbins right in front of goal. But Stubbins swung early and missed the ball completely.

And so to penalties, where Stubbins finally redeemed himself with the winning penalty after Steve Cutler, Steve Chetcuti and Daley had missed for Gully.

Reinforced by the return of Quigley and O'Donnell Green Gully will again be a top four contender, but unless Heidelberg flourishes the cheque-book again it seems destined to struggle in the NSL.

— Costa Koutropoulos

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BUFFALO CUP ELIMINATION ROUND

CROYDON CITY 1 (van Egmond pen.) ST.ALBANS 0

At Olympc Park, Saturday.Crowd 1200 (double-header).Referee A Frangou.
CROYDON CITY; M Runje - Langsbury, Dobson, Cubitt, Roodhouse - Brown, O'Shea(Flavell 50th),van Egmond, Brimmer - Humble, G Runje.Coach Ian Dobson.
ST.ALBANS:Krajina - Dragovic, Juricic,Kuzman,Colina -Kupresak, Rastocic(Pondeljak 60th),Gagula,Susnjara-Macasevic (Rajic 65th), Morovic.Coach Branko Culina.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 GREEN GULLY 0

At Olympic Park,Saturday.Referee G Kondogiannis. (Heidelberg won 3-2 on penalties).
HEIDELBERG; Chatzitrifonos - Kanesoulis, Bordignon. Lucchesi, Ousalkas - Douglas, Pappas (Raynes 61st), Theodosopoulos,(Goutzioulis 76th)- Alagozidis, Stubbins, Burgess.Coach Jim Tansey.
GREEN GULLY; Sant - Napoli, Grimaud,Cannell, Cutler - McClelland, Chetcuti,Wilson,Smart - Daley,Romanovski. (Miloskovic 68th).Coach Willie Vassallo.

BUFFALO CUP QUARTER-FINALS

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 0 MELBOURNE CITY 1(Mitrovski 47th)

At Olympic Park, Sunday.Crowd 1500 (double-header). Referee D.Voutsinas.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS; Marama - Kapolitsis, Della Rocca (Falcone 60th), Belic, Marley -Falleschi, Herd,Klepac (Montemurro 75th),Giaccherini - Egan, De Amicis (Casparini 60th).Coach Manfred Schaefer.
MELBOURNE CITY:Nikitovic- Tubic,Barjaktarevic,Deankovic. van Egmond - Mitrovski, Tapai, Fabrizio, Jakovjevic - S.Becinovski (T.Becinovski 85th), Dimoski. Coach Ilija Dimoski.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1(Momirovski 79th)

At Olympic Park, Sunday.Referee J.Fraser.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS; Keogh - Taylor, Kotzamichalis, Parton, Campelj - Carter, Faulkner, Marth, Hasler (Ketsakidis 80th),Latif, Lennon (Alevisos 80th).Coach John Gardiner.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA;Triainides - Soklevski, Piculovski, Jolevski, Roodhouse - Brian (Momirovski 70th), Petrov (Lingorovski 80th),Runje, Markovac - Spink, Tasevski. Coach Andon Doncevski.

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MADE IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE City JUST officials heaved a big sigh of relief on Sunday when new coach Ilija Dimoski stepped off the plane from Yugoslavia at Tullamarine airport.

Shrugging aside any question of jet-lag Dimoski was at Olympic Park in the afternoon to see his new charges down a scratch Brunswick Juventus side in a quarter-final of the buffalo Cup.

It is not known whether Dimoski is a Noel Coward fan but he could have been excused for whistling an up-dated version of "Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun" with some feeling, as the temperature in Belgrade was a mere six degrees when he left.

He couldn't have learned much from what he saw because his team was without new signings Mehmet Durakovic and Joe Palatsides, unavailable to play against their old club under the terms of their transfer/loan arrangement.

Oscar Crino too was out through injury, whilst another Juventus player who Melbourne City was all set to buy was sitting a couple of rows back in the stand behind Dimoski with his right ankle in plaster.

The unfortunate player is of course Garry McDowall, who had hoped to put all his 1988 misfortunes behind him with another stint back at his first Melbourne club, the Blues.

The season will be at least six weeks old by the time McDowall gets back into training.

Indeed, reviewing the progress of the Buffalo Cup so far is more a matter of talking about who is missing than who is present.

The Cup, in its early rounds at least is beginning to rival last year's Docketty Cup for the Nonetity award as what few spectators there are, try to grapple with the names of the unknowns manning the scratch teams.

In the match that Dimoski watched for instance, Preston was without John Markovski and George Slifkas who are in Syria with the Young Socceroos, Ron Campbell who has returned from Scotland with a knee injury, Steve Jackson and Zoran Tasevski who are suspended, and Steve Smith who is somewhere in England.

Juventus was nearly unrecognisable too, although it was good to see Steve Marley back in action again.

The quarter-finals consisting of the Heidelberg versus Melbourne Croatia and Croydon City versus Cup-holder south Melbourne were being played last night as we went to press and the semi-final draw was to be made immediately after the games.

But cheer up, the Docketty Cup was looking like this until the final between Melbourne Croatia and South Melbourne and that turned into a cracker... maybe the VSF will be lucky again.

The newly-laid Olympic Park pitch looked magnificent and everyone heaped praise upon it.

I wish the same could be said about the lights.

Ground manager Roger Hampson has given up trying to cope with soccer people and has left to take over as General Manager of footy club Essendon.

He picked a good time to go, there are no fewer than 44 defunct bulbs in the Olympic Park lights, which is why there are no pictures of the Heidelberg v Green Gully game in this week's ***Soccer Star***.

The film has not yet been invented that will produce pictures under Olympic Park's present lighting set-up, but acting venue manager John Anderson assures me that the matter is in hand.

I won't be holding my breath.

— Les Shorrock

Geelong Advertiser Preview from page 13

cup last year and the fighting spirit usually associated with Dark Blues just was not there.

The Myers Reserve outfit was ill-equipped for the cup and was humbled when it fell to the Western Victorian Soccer Association side 2-0.

Rangers failed to recruit for the league and tumbled to the fourth division. But Galloway believes the tide has turned.

"We are a young team and we have to improve. The problem was the boys were just not told how to play football,' he said.

Dundee born Galloway said the revamped Rangers side was keen to show the club was on its way to a healthy recovery.

Although a newcomer to the Advertiser cup scene, Galloway knows of the fierce competitive nature of the pre-season tournament.

Whether his newly acquired Tasmanian quintet is able to shape up to the cut and thrust of cup soccer remains to be seen.

And the new recruits could not have a tougher initiation to the local soccer scene as the Dark Blues take on the region's top side, North Geelong on Wednesday, January 25.

With home ground advantage and a new found spirit Rangers could cause some upsets and at last the club motto of "Aye Ready" seems to be appropriate.

Galloway coached Inter Monaro in the National Youth League in 1985 and before that had a string of successes with Artarmon in the New South Wales.

The Rangers squad will include:

Stephen McAullifie, 18, defender: Blossoming into one of the best stoppers in the district. Rangers relied heavily on the teenager last year and he mixed it with the best of them.

Andrew Munro, 23, striker: On his day he can be a match winner. Pacey with a nose for goals, has pulled on the dark blue shirt 106 times.

Willie Muir, 25, utility: Boiste rous and unsettling. Uses his weight well whether in attack or defence.

Paul Trebilcock, 28, utility: A club stalwart who will give it a go in any position.

Jimmy Fraser, 19, striker: A product of Rangers' juniors. Good in the air and strong in the tackle.

Martin Guilfoyle, 32, utility: One of Rangers longest serving players. He already has 400 games under his belt and sees no reason to stop now.

Sean Conway, 28, defender: Another veteran with 300 games to his credit, a terrier like full-back who never stops trying.

Darren Nelson, 22, midfield: Club champion for the past three seasons. A non-stop runner who has been the backbone of the Rangers side in recent years.

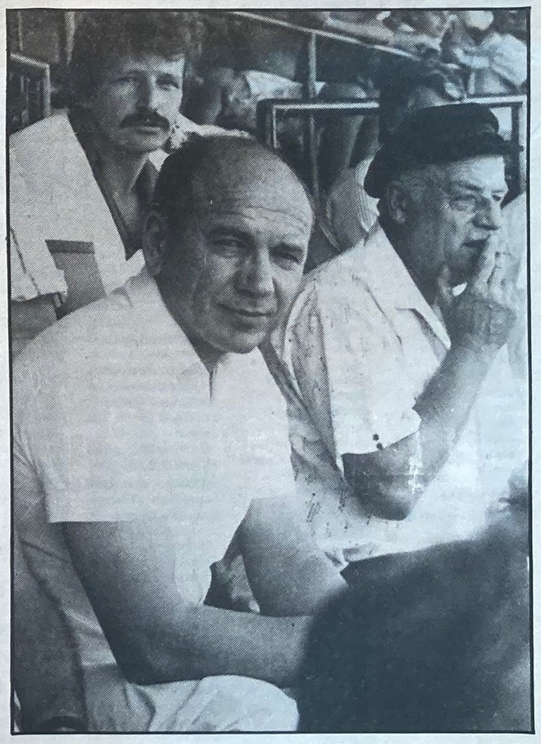
David Walmsley, 23, midfield: The club captain and a fierce competitor. Close skills and a lethal shot make him a player to watch.

Ian Thom, 23, midfield: A talented visa player imported from Scotland mid-way through last season. Skilful and resourceful.

Ray Friday, 28, utility: Although tiny he has power and speed and is an asset to the team.

OUT SOON

VICTORIA'S SOCCER YEAR IN PICTURES



● *Melbourne City coach Ilija Dimoski.*

RE-LOCATION SCRAPPED... IT'S BACK TO TWO-UP AND TWO-DOWN

The re-allocation plan having been scrapped, the VSF in 1989 will comprise a State League of 16 clubs, a Victorian League with four divisions, of 14 clubs each, a Provisional League with three divisions of 14 clubs each, and an Amateur League with two 12 team divisions.

Here is the new official list from the Federation.

Unfortunately the State League fixture list is being re-drawn and is unavailable for publication, but in this issue you will find the fixtures for the Victorian League Divisions One and Two.

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STATE LEAGUE
Altona Gate
Box Hill
Brunswick UTD Juventus
Bulleen
Caulfield City
Croydon City
Fawkner
Frankston Pines
Green Gully
Maribyrnong/Ardeer SC
Morwell Falcons
Northcote City
Ringwood City
St Albans
Springvale City
Thomastown

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — ONE
Albion
Broadmeadows City
Dandenong
Doveton
Essendon City
Knox City
Mooroolbark
Mordialloc
Nunawading City
Oakleigh
Sandringham City
Werribee
Western Suburbs
Westgate

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — TWO
Clifton Hill
Coburg
Doncaster Rovers
Geelong
Heidelberg City
Keilor
North Geelong
Port Melbourne
Brighton
Richmond
Ringwood United
Sunbury United
Waverley City
Yarraville

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — THREE
Altona City
Bell Park
Chelsea
Clarinda
Corio/Geelong United
Eltham/Diamond Valley Utd
Hawthorn
Holland Park
Lalor United
Moorabbin City
Mornington
Seaford United
Springvale United
Yallourn

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — FOUR
Bentleigh Greens
Boronia
Clayton
East Brunswick/Ivanhoe
Ferntree Gully
Hamlyn Rangers
Langwarrin
Moreland Park Rangers
Pascoe Vale
Williamstown
Regent
Rosanna
Karingal United
Keysborough

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — ONE
Brunswick City
Malvern City
Melton
Mossfiel Rangers
North Sunshine
Prahran
Springvale Condors
West Meadows
West Vale (Ascot Vale City)
Berwick City
South Yarra
Oakleigh Suburbs
East Geelong
Waverley United

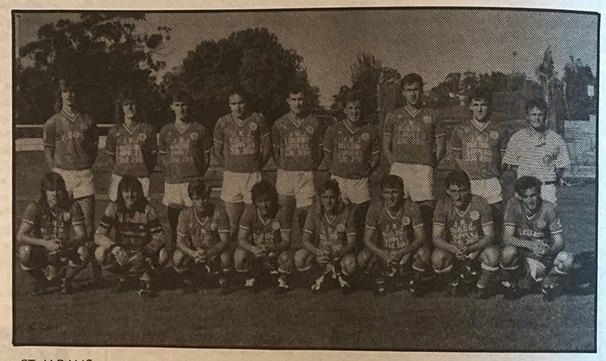
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — TWO
Ascot St Marks
Ballarat
Cranbourne
Frankston United (Dingley/Skye)
Glenroy
Lalor
Monash University
Forest Hill
south Dandenong
south Springvale
Brintons
University of Melbourne
St Kilda
Port United

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — THREE
Monbulk
Batman United
Brandon Park
Kew Eagles
Carrum United
Fitzroy City
Meadow Park
Ringwood Rovers
Lyndale United
Mitcham United
Debny Park
Altona United
Riversdale
Wantirna

AMATEUR LEAGUE — ONE
Northern United
Anstey United
Balwyn City
Collingwood City
Diggers Rest
East Richmond
Hawthorn United
Keilor United
Latrobe University
Oakleigh United
Phillip Institute
Waverley Wanderers

AMATEUR LEAGUE — TWO
Camberwell Grammar
Concorde
Diamond Valley
Endeavour Hills
Furlan United
Intercity
Maccabi
Melbourne University
Old Scotch
R.M.I.T.
Yarra United
Upfield

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER
Back row left to right: Steve Douglas, Angie Goutzioulis, Chris Iliopoulos, Michael Chatzitrifonos, Phil Stubbins, Nick Ousalkas, Aki Alagozidis.
Front row: John Burgess, Con Pappas, John Kanesoullis, Claude Lucchesi, Willie Raynes, Peter Bordignon, Lou Theodosopoulos.



ST ALBANS
Back row: Joe Cuze, Karlo Rajic, Zeljko Gagula, Velimir Kupresak, Nick Colina, Eddie Kuzman, Dennis Morovic, Sveto Rastocic, Branko Culina (coach).
Front row: Robert Dragovic, Mato Krajina, Alan Susjnara, Mario Macasevic, Oliver Pondeljak, Ivan Juricic, Eddie Hrbolic, Ante Maretic.

1989 Victorian League Division One

ROUND 1
Saturday, 1st April
Knox City v Dandenong
Doveton v Westgate
Nunawading City v Sandringham City
Sunday, 2nd April
Albion v Essendon City
Mordialloc v Oakleigh
Broadm. City v West. Suburbs
Werribee v Mooroolbark
ROUND 2
Saturday, 8th April
Mooroolbark v Doveton
Oakleigh v Broadm. City
Sandringham C v Mordialloc
Essendon City v Nunawading City
Westgate v Knox City
Dandenong v Albion
Sunday, 9th April
Western Suburbs v Werribee
ROUND 3
Saturday, 15th April
Nunawading City v Dand
Doveton v Western Suburbs
Mooroolbark v Westgate
Sunday, 16th April
Albion v Knox City
Mordialloc v Ess. City
Broadm. City v Sandr. City
Werribee v Oakleigh
ROUND 4
Saturday, 22nd April
Oakleigh v Doveton
Sandringham C v Werribee
Essendon C v Broadm. C
Westgate v Albion
Dandenong v Mordialloc
Knox City v Nunaw. City
Sunday, 23rd April
West. Sub v Mooroolbark
ROUND 5
Saturday, 29th April
Nunawading C v Albion
Doveton v Sandr. City
Mooroolbark v Oakleigh
Sunday, 30th April
Mord. v Knox City
Broadm. City v Danden'g
Werribee v Essendon C
Western Sub. v Westgate
ROUND 6
Saturday, 6th May
Oakleigh v Wes. Sub.
Sandr. C v Mooroolbark
Essendon C. v Doveton
Westg. v Nunaw. City
Dandenong v Werribee
Knox City v Broadm. C
Sunday, 7th May
Albion v Mordialloc
ROUND 7
Saturday, 13th May
Doveton v Dandenong
Mooroolb. v Ess. City
Oakleigh v Westgate
Sunday, 14th May
Mord. v Nunaw. City
Broadm. City v Albion
Werribee v Knox C
Western Sub v Sandr. City
ROUND 8
Saturday, 20th May
Sandr. City v Oakl.
Essendon C v West. Sub.
Westg. v Mordialloc
Dandenong v Mooroolb.
Knox City v Doveton
Nunaw. C. v Broadm. C
Sunday, 21st May
Albion v Werribee
ROUND 9
Saturday, 27th May
Doveton v Albion
Mooroolb. v Knox C
Oakl. v Essendon C
Sandr. City v Westgate
Sunday, 28th May
Broadm. C. v Mordialloc
Werribee v Nunaw. City
Western Sub. v Dandenong
ROUND 10
Saturday, 3rd June
Ess. City v Sandr. City
Westg. v Broadm. City
Dandenong v Oakl.
Knox City v West. Sub.
Nunawading City v Doveton
Sunday, 4th June
Albion v Mooroolb.
Mordialloc v Werribee
ROUND 11
(Queens Birthday)
Saturday, 10th June
Doveton v Mordialloc
Mooroolb. v Nunaw. City
Oakl. v Knox City
Sandringh. C v Dandenong
Essendon C v Westgate
Sunday, 11th June
Werribee v Broadm. C
Western Sub. v Albion
ROUND 12
Sat., 17th June
Westgate v Werribee
Dandenong v Ess. City
Knox C. v Sandr. C
Nunaw. City v West. S.
Sunday, 18th June
Albion v Oakleigh
Mordialloc v Mooroolb.
Broadm. City v Doveton
ROUND 13
Saturday, 24th June
Doveton v Werribee
Mooroolb. v Broadm. C
Oakl. v Nunaw. City
Sandringham C v Albion
Essendon C v Knox C
Westgate v Dandenong
Sunday, 25th June
West. Subs. v Mordialloc
Ess. City v Mooroolb.
Sandr. C v West. Subs.
Westgate v Oakleigh
Sun., 13th August
Albion v Broadm. C
Nunaw. C v Mordialloc**
ROUND 21
Sat., 19th August
Oakl. v Sandr. C
Mooroolb. v Dand
Doveton v Knox City
Sun. 20th August
Western Sub. v Ess. C
Mordialloc v Westgate
Werribee v Albion
Broadm. C v Nuna C
ROUND 22
Sat., 26th August
Nunaw. C v Werribee
Knox C v Mooroolbark
Dand. v West. Subs
Ess. C v Oakleigh
Westgate v Sandr. C
Sun. 27th August
Mord. v Broadm. C
Albion v Doveton
ROUND 23
Sat., 2nd Sept.
Sandr. C v Ess C
Oakl v Dandenong
Mooroolb v Albion
Doveton v Nunaw. C
Sunday, 3rd Sept.
Broadm. C v Westgate
West. Sub. v Knox City
Werribee v Mordialloc
ROUND 24
Saturday, 9th Sept.
Nunaw. C v Mooroolb.
Knox C v Oakleigh
Dandenong v Sand. C
Westgate v Ess. C
Sunday, 10th Sept.
Broadm. C v Werribee
Mordialloc v Doveton
Albion v West. Sub.
ROUND 25
Saturday, 16th Sept.
Essendon C v Dand.
Sandr. C v Kox City
Oakleigh v Albion
Mooroolb. v Mordialloc
Doveton v Broadm C
Sunday, 17th Sept.
Werribee v Westgate
West. Subs. v Nunaw. C
ROUND 26
Saturday, 23rd Sept.
Nunaw. C v Oakleigh
Knox C v Essendon City
Dand. v Westgate
Sunday, 24th Sept.
Werribee v Doveton
Broadm. C v Mooroolb.
Mordialloc v West. Sub
Albion v Sandr. City

MELBOURNE CITY
Back Row: Zoran Nikitovic, Osman Tubic, Gary van Egmond, Drago Deankovic, Vasco Mitrovski, Luciano Fabrizio, Rade Barjaktarevic.
Front row: Milan Dimoski, Zoran Kitanovski, Ernie Tapai, Tony Becinovski, Sasha Becinovski, Danny Jakovjevic.

CROYDON CITY
Back row: Mirko Runje, Goran Runje, Paul Langsbury, Andy Humble, Gordon Flavell, John Gabrielson, Ian Dobson, Craig Cubitt.
Front row: Alan Roodhouse, Roy O'Shea, Mark Brown, Corrado Nobile, Steve Brimmer, Nick van Egmond, Adam Byrne.

1989 Victorian League Division Two

ROUND 1.
Saturday, 1st April
Brighton v Geelong
Clifton Hill v Keilor
Port Melb v Ringw Un
Donc Rovers v Yarrav.
Coburg v Heid. C
Sunbury Un v Richmond
North Geelong v Wav C
ROUND 2
Saturday, 8th April
Richm North Geelong
Heidelb C v Sunb. Un
Yarrav. v Coburg
Ringw Un v Donc Rovers
Keilor v Port Melb.
Wav. C v Brighton
Geelong v Clifton Hill
ROUND 3
Saturday, 15th April
Clifton H v Brighton
Port Melb v Geelong
Donc Rov. v Keilor
Coburg v Ringw Un
Sunb Un v Yarrav
North Geelong v Heid. C
Richmond v Waverley C
ROUND 4
Saturday, 22nd April
Heid. C v Richmond
Yarrav. v North Geelong
Ringw Un v Sunb Un
Keilor v Coburg
Wav City v Clifton Hill
Geelong v Donc Rovers
Brighton v Port Melb.
ROUND 5
Saturday, 29th April
Port Melb v Clifton H
Donc Rovers v Brighton
Coburg v Geelong
Sunb Un v Keilor
North Geel v Ringw Un
Richmond v Yarraville
Heidelberg C v Wav. City
ROUND 6
Saturday, 6th May
Yarrav v Heidel. C
Ringw Un v Richmond
Keilor v North Geelong
Wav City v Port Melb
Geelong v Sunb Un
Brighton v Coburg
Clifton Hill v Donc Rov
ROUND 7
Saturday, 13th May
Donc Rovers v Port Melb
Coburg v Clifton Hill
Sunb Un v Brighton
North Geel v Geelong
Richmond v Keilor
Heidelb. City v Ringw Un
Yarrav v Wav. C
ROUND 8
Saturday, 20th May
Ringw Un v Yarrav
Keilor v Heidelberg C
Wav City v Donc R
Geelong v Richmond
Brighton v North Geelong
Clifton Hill v Sun Un
Port Melb v Coburg
ROUND 9
Saturday, 27th May
Coburg v Donc. Rovers
Sunbury Un v Port Melb
North Geel v Clifton H
Richmond v Brighton
Heidelb City v Geelong
Yarrav v Keilor
Ringw Un v Wav City
ROUND 10
Saturday, 3rd June
Keilor v Ringw Un
Wav City v Coburg
Geelong v Yarrav
Brighton v Heidelb C
Clifton Hill v Richmond
Port Melb v North Geel
Donc Rov v Sunb Un
ROUND 11
Saturday, 10th June
(Queens Birthday)
Sunb Un v Coburg
North Geel v Donc R
Rich v Port Melb
Heidelb C v Clifton H
Yarraville v Brighton
Ringw Un v Geelong
Keilor v Wav C
ROUND 12
Saturday, 17th June
Wav C v Sunb Un
Geelong v Keilor
Brighton v Ringw Un
Clifton Hill v Yarrav
Port Melb v Heid C
Donc Rov v Richmond
Coburg v North Geelong
ROUND 13
Saturday, 24th June
North Geel v Sunb Un
Richmond v Coburg
Heodel C v donc Rov
Yarrav v Port Melb
Ringw Un v Clifton Hill
Keilor v Brighton
Wav City v Geelong
ROUND 14
Saturday, 1st July
Geelong v Brighton
Keilor v Clifton Hill
Ringw Un v Port Melb
Yarrav v Donc Rov
Heidelb City v Coburg
Richm v Sunbury Un
Wav City v North Geel
ROUND 15
Saturday, 8th July
North Geel v Richm
Sunb Un v Heidelb C
Coburg v Yarraville
Donc Rov v Ringw Un
Port Melb v Keilor
Brighton v Wav C
Clifton Hill v Geel
ROUND 16
Saturday, 15th July
Brighton v Clifton Hill
Geelong v Port Melbourne
Keilor v Donc Rov
Ringwood Un v Coburg
Yarrav v Sunb Un
Heidelb C v North Geel
Wav City v Richmond
ROUND 17
Saturday, 22nd July
Richm v Heidel. C
North Geel v Yarrav
Sunb. Un v ringw Un
Coburg v Keilor
Clifton Hill v Wav C
Donc Rovers v Geel
Port Melb v Brighton
ROUND 18
Saturday, 29th July
Clifton H v Port Melb
Brighton v Donc Rovers
Geelong v Coburg
Keilor v Sunb Un
Ringw Un v North Geel
Yarrav v Richmond
Wav C v Heid. C
ROUND 19
Saturday, 5th Aug.
Heidelb. C v Yarrav
Richm v Ringw Un
North Geel v Keilor
Port Melb v Wav C
Sunbury Un v Geelong
Coburg v Brighton
Donc Rov v Clifton H
ROUND 20
Saturday, 12th Aug.
Port Melb v donc Rov
Clifton Hill v Coburg
Brighton v Sunb Un
Geelong v North Geel
Keilor v Richmond
Ringw Un v Heidel C
Wav City v Yarrav
ROUND 21
Saturday, 19th Aug.
Yarrav v Ringw Un
Heidel C v Keilor
Cond Rov v Wav City
Richmond v Geelong
Nth Geelong v Brighton
Sunb Un v Clifton Hill
Coburg v Port Mel
ROUND 22
Saturday, 26th Aug
Donc Rov. v Coburg
Port Melb v Sunb Un
Clifton H v North Geel
Brighton v Richmond
Geel v Heidelberg City
Keilor v Yarrav
Wav C v Ringw Un
ROUND 23
Saturday, 2nd Sept.
Ringw Un v Keilor
Coburg v Wav C
Yarrav v Geelong
Heidelberg City v Brighton
Richmond v Clifton H
North Geelong v Port Melb
Sunbury Un v Donc Rovers
ROUND 24
Saturday, 9th Sept.
Coburg v Sunb Un
Donc Rov v Nth Geelong
Port Melb v Richm
Clifton Hill v Heidel C
Brighton v Yarrav
Geelong v Ringw Un
Waverley C v Keilor
ROUND 25
Saturday, 16th Sept
Sunb Un v Wav City
Keilor v Geelong
Ringw Un v Brighton
Yarrav v Clifton Hill
Heidelb C v Port Melb
Richm v Donc Rovers
North Geel v Coburg
ROUND 26
Saturday, 23rd Sept
Sunb Un v North Geelong
Couburg v Richm
Doncaster Rov v Heidel C
Port Melb v Yarrav
Clifton Hill v Ringw Un
Brighton v Keilor
Geel v Wav C

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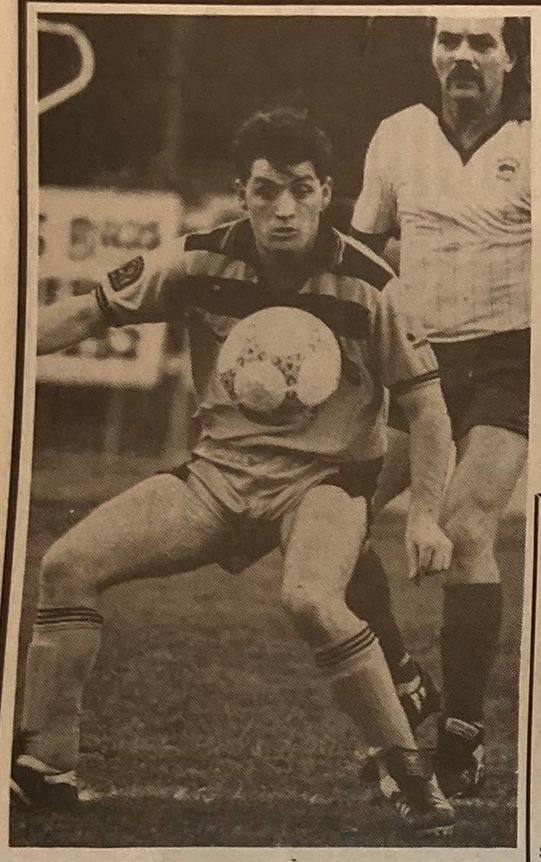
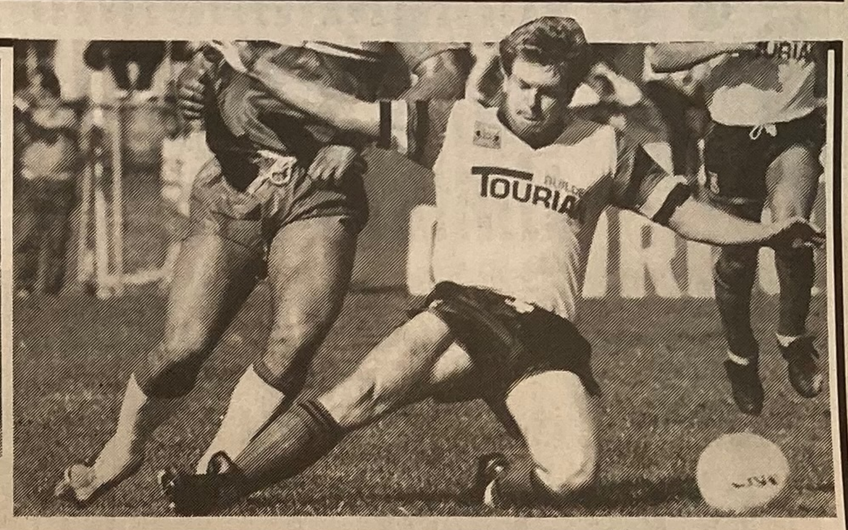


● Willie Raynes (Heidelberg)

● Gary van Egmond (Melbourne City) Steve Jackson (Preston)



● Steve Jackson (Preston)

● Shaun Parton (S. George X)

● Branko Milosevic (Melbourne Croatia)

ROUND 1
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 22, 1989
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v MELBOURNE CROATIA
HEIDELBERG UTD v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v WOLLONGONG CITY
BLACKTOWN CITY v ADELAIDE CITY
ST. GEORGE v SOUTH MELBOURNE
SYDNEY CROATIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MARCONI

ROUND 2
THURSDAY JANUARY 26, 1989
AUSTRALIA DAY
MELBOURNE CROATIA v HEIDELBERG UTD
MARCONI v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
WOLLONGONG CITY v BLACKTOWN CITY
ADELAIDE CITY v ST. GEORGE
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
SOUTH MELBOURNE v SYDNEY CROATIA

ROUND 3
WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 1989
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v MELBOURNE CROATIA
HEIDELBERG UTD v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
BLACKTOWN CITY v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
ST. GEORGE v WOLLONGONG CITY
SYDNEY CROATIA v ADELAIDE CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v MARCONI

ROUND 4
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 5, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v BLACKTOWN CITY
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
MARCONI v HEIDELBERG UTD
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ST. GEORGE
WOLLONGONG CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA
ADELAIDE CITY v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
SOUTH MELBOURNE v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

ROUND 5
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 1989
ST. GEORGE v MELBOURNE CROATIA
BLACKTOWN CITY v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v HEIDELBERG UTD
SYDNEY CROATIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v WOLLONGONG CITY
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v ADELAIDE CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE v MARCONI

ROUND 6
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v SYDNEY CROATIA
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v ST. GEORGE
HEIDELBERG UTD v BLACKTOWN CITY
MARCONI v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
WOLLONGONG v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
ADELAIDE CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE

ROUND 7
WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 1989
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SYDNEY CROATIA v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
ST. GEORGE v HEIDELBERG UTD
BLACKTOWN CITY v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SOUTH MELBOURNE v WOLLONGONG CITY
ADELAIDE CITY v MARCONI

ROUND 8
WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
HEIDELBERG UTD v SYDNEY CROATIA
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v ST. GEORGE
MARCONI v BLACKTOWN CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SOUTH MELBOURNE
WOLLONGONG v ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 9
WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 1989
SUNDAY MARCH 12 — AUSTRALIA VS NEW ZEALAND
MONDAY MARCH 13 — LABOR DAY (VICTORIA)
SOUTH MELBOURNE v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v HEIDELBERG UTD
SYDNEY CROATIA v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
ST. GEORGE v BLACKTOWN CITY
ADELAIDE CITY v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
WOLLONGONG CITY v MARCONI

ROUND 10
WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1989
SUNDAY MARCH 19 ISRAEL VS AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE CROATIA v ADELAIDE CITY
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v SOUTH MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG UTD v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
BLACKTOWN CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA
MARCONI v ST. GEORGE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC vWOLLONGONG CITY

ROUND 11
WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 26 & 27, 1989
EASTER WEEKEND
WOLLONGONG CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
ADELAIDE CITY v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
SOUTH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG UTD
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v A.P.I.A LEICHHARDT
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v BLACKTOWN CITY
SYDNEY CROATIA v ST. GEORGE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MARCONI

ROUND 12
WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 1989
SUNDAY APRIL 2 — NEW ZEALAND VS AUSTRALIA
MELBOURNE CROATIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v WOLLONGONG CITY
HEIDELBERG UTD v ADELAIDE CITY
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v SOUTH MELBOURNE
BLACKTOWN CITY v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
ST. GEORGE v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
SYDNEY CROATIA v MARCONI

ROUND 13
WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 1989
MARCONI v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
WOLLONGONG v HEIDELBERG UTD
ADELAIDE CITY v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
SOUTH MELBOURNE v BLACKTOWN CITY
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v ST. GEORGE
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SYDNEY CROATIA

ROUND 14
WEEK ENDING JULY 16, 1989
***Please note this round will be played as the final round of the competition.**
***SUNDAY APRIL 16 AUSTRALIA VS ISRAEL**
MELBOURNE CROATIA v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC vHEIDELBERG UTD
WOLLONGONG v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
ADELAIDE CITY v BLACKTOWN CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE v ST. GEORGE
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v SYDNEY CROATIA
MARCONI v PRESTON MAKEDONIA

ROUND 15
WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 1989
HEIDELBERG UTD v MELBOURNE CROATIA
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v MARCONI
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
BLACKTOWN CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY
ST. GEORGE v ADELAIDE CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
SYDNEY CROATIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE

ROUND 16
WEEK ENDING APRIL 30, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v ST. GEORGE
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v BLACKTOWN CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SYDNEY CROATIA
WOLLONGONG CITY v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
ADELAIDE CITY v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
HEIDELBERG UTD v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
MARCONI v SOUTH MELBOURNE

ROUND 17
WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 1989
BLACKTOWN CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
HEIDELBERG UTD v MARCONI
ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SYDNEY CROATIA v WOLLONGONG CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v ADELAIDE CITY
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v SOUTH MELBOURNE

ROUND 18
WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v HEIDELBERG UTD
SOUTH MELBOURNE v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v BLACKTOWN CITY
WOLLONGONG CITY v ST. GEORGE
ADELAIDE CITY v SYDNEY CROATIA
MARCONI v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

ROUND 19
WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 1989
SYDNEY CROATIA v MELBOURNE CROATIA
ST. GEORGE v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
BLACKTOWN CITY v HEIDELBERG UTD
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v MARCONI
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v WOLLONGONG CITY
SOUTH MELBOURNE v ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 20
WEEK ENDING MAY 28, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v SYDNEY CROATIA
HEIDELBERG UTD v ST. GEORGE
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v BLACKTOWN CITY
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
WOLLONGONG CITY v SOUTH MELBOURNE
MARCONI v ADELAIDE CITY

ROUND 21
WEEK ENDING JUNE 4, 1989
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v MELBOURNE CROATIA
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
SYDNEY CROATIA v HEIDELBERG UTD
ST. GEORGE v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
BLACKTOWN CITY v MARCONI
SOUTH MELBOURNE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
ADELAIDE CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY

ROUND 22
WEEK ENDING JUNE 10,11 & 12 1989
MONDAY JUNE 12 QUEENS BIRTHDAY
MELBOURNE CROATIA v SOUTH MELBOURNE
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
HEIDELBERG UTD v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v SYDNEY CROATIA
BLACKTOWN CITY v ST. GEORGE
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ADELAIDE CITY
MARCONI v WOLLONGONG CITY

ROUND 23
WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 1989
ADELAIDE CITY v MELBOURNE CROATIA
SOUTH MELBOURNE v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v HEIDELBERG UTD
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
SYDNEY CROATIA v BLACKTOWN CITY
ST. GEORGE v MARCONI
WOLLONGONG CITY v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 24
WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v WOLLONGONG CITY
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v ADELAIDE CITY
HEIDELBERG UTD v SOUTH MELBOURNE
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
BLACKTOWN CITY v PRESTON MAKEDONIA
ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY CROATIA
MARCONI v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

ROUND 25
WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 1989
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v MELBOURNE CROATIA
WOLLONGONG CITY v MELBOURNE J.U.S.T.
ADELAIDE CITY v HEIDELBERG UTD
SOUTH MELBOURNE v A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS v BLACKTOWN CITY
PRESTON MAKEDONIA v ST. GEORGE
MARCONI v SYDNEY CROATIA

ROUND 26
WEEK ENDING JULY 9, 1989
MELBOURNE CROATIA v MARCONI
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v SYDNEY OLYMPIC
HEIDELBERG UTD v WOLLONGONG CITY
A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v ADELAIDE CITY
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RAPID EXPANSION IN LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

FOLLOWING from the highly successful competition of the 1987 and the 1988 seasons, interest in the Industrial & Amateur Soccer League is running at unprecedented levels. Indications are that membership will rise nearly 40 per cent to 120 teams compared with the 86 teams contesting the 1988 championships.

An extra afternoon division will be formed to cope with the number of Clubs wishing to move away from morning competition, but this has not meant the dropping of Division 2 Morning, which has been filled by a numer of new Clubs.

Third Division will again be broken into two segments — 3 East and 3 West — while Fourth Division will expand from one segment to two, again regionalised as Divisions 4 East and West. But if past history is anything to go by, there could well be a rush of late enquiries during February, resulting in a still larger competition.

In keeping with the League's traditions, the new teams are drawn from industrial, regional, community and service backgrounds. Included among the newcomers will be the Fijian-backed Sunshine United, the district-based Coolaroo United, Ford Falcons (making a welcome return after an absence of some years) and a team from the Federal Police.

Other newcomers include "thirds" teams from Heidelberg United, Eltham and Diamond Valley and Werribee. The last-named, playing as Galvin Park S.C., further expands the League's membership to the west.

Also joining the League's ranks for the first time, will be Ardeer, Elwood United, Dingley United, Endeavour United, Keysborough Blue Danube and Bayside ATA.

It is not only the number of new Clubs with is significant, but their obvious quality, which promises to make the 1989 competition possibly the best ever.

Of course, this rapid increase in numbers will place a great deal of strain on the Industrial League Referees Branch, and Branch President Jimmy Dixon is looking for as many recruits to its ranks as possible.

Both the League and its Referees Branch have been proud of the coverage they have been able to provide over the years, and look forward to maintaining the same level of service to member Clubs in 1989, and in subsequent years.

Presently active referees with an hour or two to spare on Sundays, beginners or retired referees who fancy getting back into harness on an occasional basis would all be welcome.

NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Efforts are being made to establish a National Amateur Soccer Championship to be conducted on a rotational basis among the participating States.

A meeting of delegates from the Western Australian Amateur & Social Soccer Association, the South Australian Amateur Soccer Federation, the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation, the ACT Soccer Association and the Industrial & Amateur Soccer League of Victoria will be held in Sydney in mid February.

From the League's point of view, a National Championship of this nature would be a logical progression from its participation in the Victorian Country (Affiliated Leagues) Championship conducted each Queen's Birthday Weekend.

The League Championship went to Middle Park S.C. Having been among the leading Clubs in Division 1 for a number of years, the Parkers' effort in breaking through for its first Championship was the culmination of a very successful year in which the Club also won the Division 1 Reserves Championship, and was a narrowly beaten (5-4 on penalties) Cup semi-finalist.

A full list of 1988 Awards follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARD WINNERS 1988

A highlight of the Annual Presentation Night is always the presentation of the Sporsmanship Award, which goes to the team which has, over the year, accumulated the least number of points from on-field cautions.

The 1988 Award went to Swinburne, who were winners for the third time, having previously taken out the Award in 1984 and 1985.

With only one caution for the entire season, and that only a "two-pointer", Swinburne once again proved that a team can win more games than it loses without resorting to violence and ungentlemanly conduct.

the Player of the Year Award went to Alex Matthews of the Australian Airlines Club.

Alex joined Australian Airlines S.C. in 1978, having previously played amateur football in the United Kingdom.

He showed outstanding ability throughout the course of the season, and of course displayed exemplary behaviour.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS 1988

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY — Swinburne Soccer Club
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Alex Matthews (Aust. Airlines)
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS — Middle Park

DIVISION CHAMPIONS
DIVISION 2A — Windsor
DIVISION 2M — Fibremakers United
DIVISION 3 EAST — Dallas United
DIVISION 3 WEST — Tottenham
DIVISION 4 — Flemington Floridia
DIVISION 1 RESERVES — Middle Park
DIVISION 2A RESERVES — Rowville United
DIVISION 2M RESERVES — Springvale Eagles

DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNERS-UP
DIVISION 1 — Hampton Park United
DIVISION 2A — Rowville United
DIVISION 2M — Montrose
DIVISION 3 EAST — Keeley Kings
DIVISION 3 WEST — Altona Heights
DIVISION 4 — RAAF College
DIVISION 1 RESERVES — Hampton Park United
DIVISION 2A RESERVES — Flamingo
DIVISION 2M RESERVES — Fibremakers United

MANSFIELD BUNNEY LEAGUE CUP
WINNERS — Windsor
FINALISTS — Fibremakers United

MANSFIELD BUNNEY INVITATION (RESERVES) CUP
WINNERS — Glenroy Doza United
FINALISTS — Apollo United

BEST AND FAIREST AWARDS
DIVISION 1 (PLAYER OF THE YEAR) — Alex Matthews (Aust. Airlines)
DIVISION 2A — Sammy Ioannidis (Windsor)
DIVISION 2M — Terry Page (Kings Park Heights)
DIVISION 3 EAST — Stan Wardle (Bowater)
DIVISION 3 WEST — Robert Saveski (Altona Heights)
DIVISION 4 — Mark Scougall (RAAF College)

LEADING GOALSCORERS
DIVISION 1 — Dusko Dragojevic (Altona Ilinden)
DIVISION 2A — Doru Dodencu (Dandy Dynamo)
DIVISION 2M — Eddy Parsons (Montrose)
DIVISION 3 EAST — Pero Dolic (Dallas United)
DIVISION 3 WEST — Ico Najdovski (Altona Heights)
DIVISION 4 — Joe pizzo (Flemington Floridia)
REFEREE OF THE YEAR — George Blakey
LINESMAN OF THE YEAR — Yilmaz Demirden (Thomastown United)

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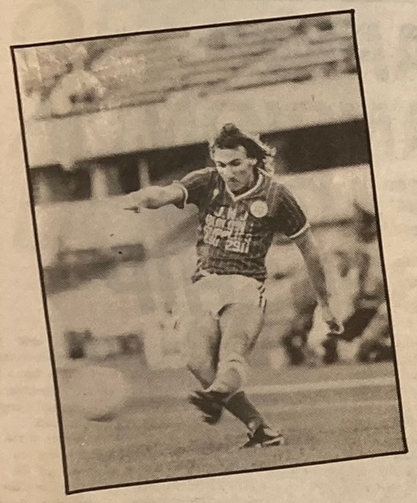

- Top Left: Zeljko Gagula shoots for goal.
- Below Left: Zeljko Gagula holds off Croydon's Mark Brown.
- Top Right: Oliver Pondeljak tries to surprise the Croydon defence.
- Right: Croydon's Andy Humble is thwarted by St Albans' massed defence.
- Below: Alan Roodhouse has a painful debut for Croydon.

Geelong Advertiser Preview

By PAUL MILLAR

NON-STOP attacking soccer will take Geelong to the finals of the Advertiser cup this year, predicts outspoken Blues' coach "Shuggie" McFarlane.

McFarlane said Geelong was the best equipped attacking side in the district and by the start of the season would be the finest in Victorian league division two.

He admitted the loss of Liam McCloskey and Paul McGurnaghan, to Irish league club Coleraine, would be a considerable gap to fill. But he believes he has the players to cover their absence in the cup.

We've a squad of over 30 training at present, the majority are quality players and my biggest task is going to be whittling it down to 16," he said last week.

The colorful Scot led Geelong to the third division championship last year with a cavalier brand of attacking soccer.

"We won't be changing our style for the Advertiser cup, why should we, it gets results and brought the crowds back to Stead Park last year."

"We have supporters coming down from Werribee to watch us because of the way we play, we will not be changing because we have a few players unavailable," he said.

Although Geelong will start the series as clear favorites, McFarlane was taking no side lightly.

His players have been pounding the training track since the start of the year and so far look the fittest side in the series.

"Billy Munro is raring to go Craig and Neil Plummer are burning at training, Eric Fleming and Keiran Doyle are fitter than ever and then of course we've signed Darren Tuck. Don't worry about us we will be competitive," he said.

McFarlane said there would be upsets in the series as many sides did not have their full complement of players.

"There will be some surprises in the cup hopefully not against us," he added.

Geelong will select from:

Craig Plummer, 22: Winger, without doubt one of the best forwards in the Victorian leagues. He has everything speed, close skills, tremendous finishing and a fierce competitive spirit.

Neil Plummer, 24: A midfielder with a deceptive turn of pace and close skills. Links the midfield to attack with probing runs.

"Eck" Fleming, 23: Full back, one of the sides most consistent players last season, doggedly determined and courageous in the tackle, a hard man to beat.

Billy "Skinny" Munro, 28: A vital cog in the Geelong midfield machine. Munro never stops and hounds the opposition into mistakes.

Mel Jones: A striker who tucks away half chances while defenders are still wondering how to mark him. Quick on the turn and sharp in the penalty box.

Darren Tuck, 27: Utility, Tuck was tipped to play National League this year but opted to transfer to Geelong from State League side Western Suburbs. Superb in the air, quick off the mark, and a long range shooting expert. His reputation precedes him.

Ken Prior, 35: An evergreen sweeper who looks as fit as ever. One of the game's characters and guiding light for the Stead Park side.

Steve Jones: Utility, can play as a raiding winger, hard working midfielder or target man. Effective in any position.

Sean Howe, 23: Goalkeeper, signed from Corio Geelong United last week will push for a first team place.

Scott McFarlane, 18: Defender, sidelined with a shoulder injury for most of last season. Tough, uncompromising, and already showing a maturity beyond his years.

Willy Priest, 23: Goalkeeper, although at times unorthodox he was effective enough to help his side lift the league championship.

Keiran Doyle: Utility, determined, solid and reliable. Impressed in last year's series.

Dave Fleming, 24: A striker with intricate ball skills and a venomous shot. Acquiring match fitness will be his biggest problem.

Martin Kearney: Defender, Geelong are currently negotiating terms with Mossfiel Rangers for the rugged stopper.

BELL Park savoured the sweet taste of success in the Geelong Advertiser Cup last year and will be back with an appetite again this season.

Diminutive coach George Watters said the Batesford boys were buzzing with enthusiasm and would again make the finals.

He pointed out that Park lost only three games in the second half of last season and would be out to start whee it had left off.

We're confident we can get through to the semi-finals, hopefully we'll meet North and save Geelong for the final, predicted Watters.

Park has already strengthened its already formidable squad by signing midfielder John Coutts from North Geelong and striker Nat Little from Altona City.

Coutts was the driving force in North's midfield last season and will add much needed bit to the Park line-up.

Little is on the come-back trail after a stint at coaching and Park's assistant coach George Train said the goal theif was sharper than ever.

Train quashed rumors that Tommy Cumming had been signed by George Cross in the pro-season, adding the striker had only been training at Cross for convenience. He's our player and we have a contract holding him for another season, said Train.

He said Park was still negotiating with several other players and would be retaining the majority of last season's squad.

We've kept the squad together for the past three years and will be one of the sides to beat in the cup, he added.

Watters said Geelong was the biggest threat in Park's quest to win the trophy but added that no side would be taken lightly.

Park will start the series as favourites to win Group B, but East Geelong, Corio Geelong United and the Western Victoria Soccer Association select side might have other ideas.

● Bell Park coach George Watters (centre) as Altona City fans would remember him.

park will open its campaign at Myers Reserve against Vorio-Geelong United on Wednesday, January 25.

The Park squad will include:

Sam McNeillage, full back: After a tackle from McNeillage forwards start looking over their shoulders. Solid, determined and reliable.

Danny Ortiz, sweeper: Composed and experienced. Has played in the tournament since it started in 1981 and will once again run the Park backline.

Steve Scerri, centre half: Good vision a timely tackle and accurate distribution makes him the best centre half in the district.

Chris Rhodes, full-back: Tigerish in the tackle and quick on the turn, he does not know how to concede ground.

Dick Opperman, striker: Looks better every year. A forward who tears defences apart with his penetrating runs.

Dave Mills, midfielder: A player with all round ability. Good vision and nose for finding the net.

George Watters, midfielder: Tricky on the ball and a tireless worker off it. Has more tricks than Houdini.

Tony Vanjek, utility: One of the side's brightest prospects a fringe player last season, will be looking for a run in the cup.

Dino Mazza, striker: Made a comeback last year after being plagued by knee injuries. Finds the net regularly.

Sean Brennan, goal-keeper: A club stalwart who has experience on his side.

Nat Little, striker: Formerly known as the penalty king. Has the guile to goad defenders into fouling him into the penalty area.

John Coutis, midfielder: Former North player. A workhorse with the ability to score.

Cedo Rakic, 16, striker: A tall forward looking for a chance to prove himself.

Michael Spasevski, 16, central defender: Made his debut last year and will be out to make a name for himself in the seniors this season.

Ross Hay, 18, midfielder: Has shown promise in the junior ranks is just waiting for a chance to prove his worth in the seniors.

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Newly appointed Hamlyn Rangers' coach Tommy Galloway will take a revitalised Dark Blues squad into the Advertiser cup next week.

The amicable Scot has already signed five Tasmanian players in a bid to make his side more competitive in Victorian league division four next season.

He tipped Rangers as the dark horse in the pre-season cup series adding that there was a new spirit at Myers Reserve these days.

"We've had two bad years up here and that's enough. It's a different story now we will be having a go.

"We're going out to win the cup and then we'll have a go at the league," he said.

Rangers turned in a dismal performance in the

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Unlucky Horvat misses out

● Steve Horvat

YOUNG Socceroo sweeper Steve Horvat of Melbourne Croatia has been forced to withdraw from the squad that left for Syria at the weekend after breaking a toe in a practice match.

He has been replaced by striker Peter Murray of APIA Leichhardt.

The Young Socceroos have been drawn against host country Syria and New Zealand in a play-off for one spot in the World Youth Championship finals in Saudi Arabia in February.

The 18 man squad comprises is goalkeepers John Filan (St George) and Tony Giannasca (Canberra Croatia), defenders Steve Georgakis (Syd. Olympic), Peter Bennett (Blacktown), Dominic Longo (Blacktown), Shaun Murphy (AIS), Ned Zelic (Syd. Croatia), midfielders John Markovski (Preston), John Gibson (Blacktown), Greg Dickinson (AIS), Milan Blagojevic (APIA), George Slifkas (Preston), Mark Brazzale (W. Adelaide), forwards Stefan Jee (Syd. Olympic), Paul Welch (Blacktown), Zlatko Arambasic (Blacktown), Zoran Ilic (St George) and Peter Murray (APIA).

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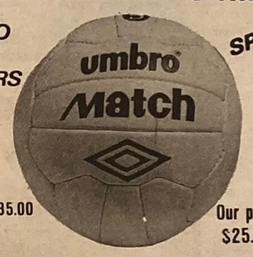

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ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa 3 Newcastle 1, Charlton 3 Luton 0, Derby 1 West Ham 2, Everton 1 Arsenal 3, Manchester United 3 Millwall 0, Norwich 1 Coventry 2, Sheffield Wednesday 2 Liverpool 2, Southampton 1 Middlesbrough 3, Wimbledon 1 Queen's Park Rangers 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	20	13	4	3	45	21	43
Norwich	21	10	8	3	30	22	38
Coventry	21	9	6	6	29	21	33
Millwall	20	9	6	5	30	24	33
Liverpool	21	9	5	7	26	18	32
Manch Utd	21	7	9	5	28	18	30
Everton	20	8	6	6	26	22	30
Derby	20	8	5	7	22	16	29
Notts Fst	20	6	10	4	25	23	28
Wimbledon	20	8	4	8	24	27	28
Middlesbro	21	8	4	9	27	32	28
Aston Vill	21	6	8	7	31	32	26
Southampt	21	6	8	7	34	40	26
Tottenham	20	6	7	7	30	30	25
QPR	21	6	7	8	23	26	25
Luton	21	5	9	8	23	26	23
Sheff Wed	20	5	7	8	17	28	22
Charlton	21	4	8	9	22	32	20
West Ham	21	5	5	12	18	37	17
Newcastle	21	4	5	12	17	38	17

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Brighton 2 Plymouth 2, Chelsea 1 Crystal Palace 0, Hull 4 Bournemouth 0, Leeds 1 Birmingham 0, Leicester 2 Portsmouth 1, Oldham 0 Manchester City 1, Shrewsbury 1 Blackburn 1, Stoke 2 Bradford 1, Sunderland 1 Oxford 0, Swindon 0 Barnsley 0, Walsall 2 Ipswich 4, Watford 2 West Bromwich 0

Chelsea	25	13	8	4	48	26	47
WBA	25	12	8	5	43	23	44
Watford	25	13	5	7	37	23	44
Manch City	25	12	8	5	34	23	44
Blackburn	25	13	4	8	41	26	43
Sunderland	25	9	10	6	35	27	37
Leeds	25	9	10	6	39	27	37
Ipswich	25	11	4	10	36	32	37
Barnsley	25	10	7	8	32	31	37
Bournemth	25	11	4	10	28	30	37
Stoke	25	10	7	9	31	38	37
Cryst Pal	24	9	7	8	32	31	34
Portsmouth	25	9	8	8	35	33	35
Leicester	25	9	8	8	35	33	35
Swindon	24	8	10	6	32	30	34
Plymouth	25	8	8	10	34	38	33
Hull	25	8	8	9	33	35	32
Bradford	25	7	10	8	26	30	31
Oxford	25	7	6	12	38	38	27
Brighton	25	7	4	14	35	43	25
Oldham	25	5	9	11	36	41	24
Shrewsbury	25	4	11	10	21	36	23
Birmingham	25	3	7	15	16	47	16
Walsall	25	2	8	15	21	42	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Brentford 2 Northampton 0, Bristol Rovers 1 Sheffield United 1, Bury 1 Swansea 0, Cardiff 1 Bolton 0, Chester 1 Port Vale 2, Chesterfield 1 Bristol City 0, Gillingham 1 Aldershot 1 Mansfield 0 Wigan 1, Notts County 1 Blackpool 1, Preston 1 Huddersfield 0, Reading 0 Wolverhampton 2. Played Friday: Southend 0 Fulham 0

Wolves	24	16	5	3	56	26	53
Port Vale	22	14	4	4	47	21	46
Swansea	24	11	8	5	34	26	41
Sheff Utd	22	12	3	7	48	29	39
Brist Rov	23	10	8	5	30	20	38
Bury	24	11	5	8	37	35	38
Fulham	24	10	5	9	38	35	35
Preston	24	10	7	7	38	32	37
Chester	24	10	6	8	38	41	36
Brentford	23	9	7	7	31	29	34
Brist City	23	9	5	9	37	26	33
Reading	23	9	5	9	34	32	32
Mansfield	23	7	10	6	25	27	31
Huddersfld	23	9	4	10	28	34	31
Bolton	24	8	6	10	33	31	30
Cardiff	23	7	9	7	25	30	28
Blackpool	23	5	10	8	28	35	25
Wigan	25	8	7	12	29	34	25
Northampt	24	8	7	11	29	39	25
Southend	24	6	7	11	29	43	25
Notts City	23	6	7	9	29	39	24
Chesterfld	23	6	3	14	20	51	21
Gillingham	24	6	2	16	21	39	20
Aldershot	23	4	7	12	20	42	19

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

Burnley 2 Halifax 1, Cambridge United 2 Hereford 1, Carlisle 0 York 0, Darlington 0 Hartlepool 0, Exeter 3 Doncaster 0, Leyton Orient 1 Stockport 2, Lincoln 4 Wrexham 3, Rotherham 3 Rochdale 1, Scarborough 2 Peterborough 1, Scunthorpe 2 Crewe 2, Torquay 2 Grimsby 2. Played Friday: Colchester 2 Tranmere 3

Rotherham	24	12	8	4	42	18	44
Crewe	23	11	8	4	32	23	41
Scarboro	23	11	7	5	38	23	40
Wrexham	23	10	9	4	45	24	39
Tranmere	23	10	8	5	30	25	38
Torquay	23	10	6	7	28	23	36
Exeter	23	11	3	9	36	34	36
Scunthorpe	24	9	9	6	38	38	36
Cambridge	23	10	5	8	39	35	35
Lincoln	24	10	5	9	46	36	35
Stockport	24	8	8	7	33	24	33
Burnley	23	9	6	8	28	24	33
Doncaster	24	9	3	10	30	42	32
Ley Orient	23	8	7	8	32	30	31
Hartlepool	23	8	6	9	22	30	30
Halifax	23	9	2	12	27	40	29
Rochdale	24	7	7	10	32	40	28
York	23	7	6	10	30	35	27
Peterboro	24	7	6	11	25	38	27
Grimsby	23	6	8	9	27	35	26
Carlisle	24	6	8	10	27	35	26
Hereford	23	6	7	10	31	38	25
Darlington	23	2	11	10	27	38	17
Colchester	23	3	6	14	27	49	15

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Aberdeen 1 Rangers 2, Celtic 2 St Mirren 1, Dundee 1 Hibernian 2, Hamilton 0 Dundee United 5, Hearts 0 Motherwell 0

Rangers	24	16	3	5	38	18	35
Dundee Utd	24	13	8	3	35	12	34
Celtic	24	14	2	8	50	32	30
Aberdeen	24	9	12	3	30	20	30
Hibernian	24	10	7	7	25	20	27
St Mirren	24	8	6	10	26	34	22
Hearts	24	5	9	10	24	28	19
Dundee	24	5	9	10	21	27	19
Motherwell	24	4	8	12	22	38	16
Hamilton	24	3	2	19	13	57	8

(FA) CUP

Second round replays: Albion 1 Coldstream 0, Alloa 2 Forres M. 0, Brechin 2 Inverness Caley 1, Dumbarton v Elgin postponed. Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath postponed

DIVISION ONE

Airdrieonians 2 Falkirk 0, Clyde v Morton postponed, Clydebank v Ayr postponed, Dunfermline 3 Partick 2, Kilmarnock 2 Queen of the South 1, Meadowbank 1 Forfar 1, Raith 1 St Johnstone 1

DIVISION TWO

Arbroath 1 Berwick 2, East Fife 2 East Stirling 2, Montrose 1 Queen's Park 1. Postponed: Dumbarton v Albion, Stenhousemuir v Alloa, Stirling v Brechin, Stranraer v Cowdenbeath

NORTHERN IRISH LEAGUE

Cliftonville 0 Glenavon 1, Coleraine 4 Ballymena 1, Glentoran 2 Bangor 1, Larne 7 Distillery 0, Linfield 2 Ards 1, Newry 0 Crusaders 3, Portadown v Carrick postponed

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the AGM became a mismanaged farce, incompetently chaired and in danger at one time of developing into a brawl.

People were jumping to their feet and hurling questions to the chair without identifying themselves or their clubs, motions were being tossed around and misheard in the melee as all the normal rules of procedure went through the window.

Maybe it was time for change, and maybe some clubs in the Victorian and Provisional Leagues did have a legitimate grievance but the way some of them went about righting the wrong was utterly discreditable.

I never imagined I'd see the day when the Chairman of the VSF would be howled down and unable to complete his speech.

And what was the outcome?

Complete and utter capitulation... that's what.

The Gang of Five achieved their ends, whatever they may be and I believe some champagne was drunk as a result, but hemlock would have been more appropriate, because the outcome of all that aggro set the game back in Victoria another decade.

Can't the Board of Management appreciate what a Pandora's Box it has opened with its about-face on the re-location matter?

What is to stop another mob of disgruntled clubs from staging a similar revolt at the end of this season and then producing their own tame lawyer to prove that some section or other of the administration is unconstitutional?

When the people elected to administer the game start talking about open government and consulting the clubs we don't have government, we have anarchy.

VICTORIAN FANS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

Melbourne has been short-changed again.

The ASF, whose mission in life seems to be to pander more and more to Sydney in everything has decreed that both the World Cup qualifying games (against New Zealand and Israel) will be played in Sydney.

That, despite the fact that the Olympic Park pitch after its facelift is once again the best soccer ground in Australasia.

The Olympic Park Management Committee has copped its share of criticism in the past, but it has stuck with soccer, and sometimes it must wonder why it bothers.

For instance, complaints about car-parking ring hollow coming from clubs that are lucky to muster gates of 500 at best.

But there is a principle at stake here too.

The ASF has no right to deprive Victorians of the chance to see their national team in action, on the completely spurious premise that attendances might be better in Sydney.

The ASF is deeply in debt, but that is purely due to maladministration. so why should Victorians be punished for it?

The Australian Cricket Board would make a lot more money if it played all its international games at the MCG, but it wouldn't dream of taking Tests and the pyjama games away from Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane and now it even plays international matches in Hobart.

But then, the ACB recognises it has an obligation to its public, doesn't the ASF owe its public the same?

The only opportunity we had of watching our Socceroos in daylight last year was when they played in those farcical conditions in Bendigo before a crowd of 2000, 50 per cent of whom had probably travelled from Melbourne anyway.

And just to rub salt in the sound, no fewer than nine members of that team play for Melbourne clubs!

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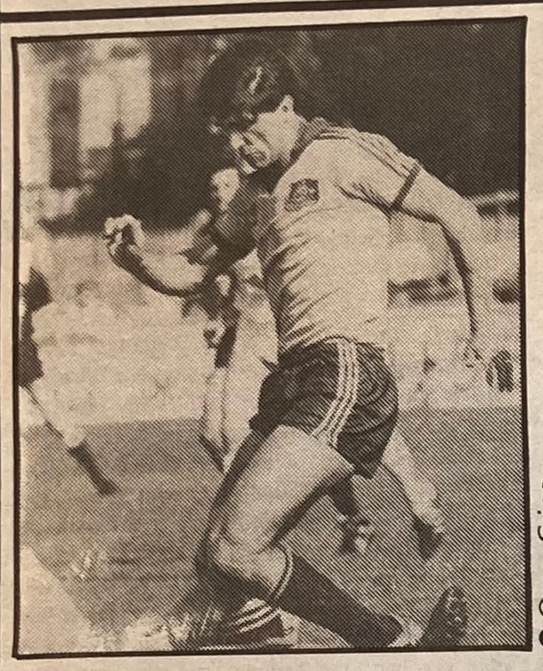

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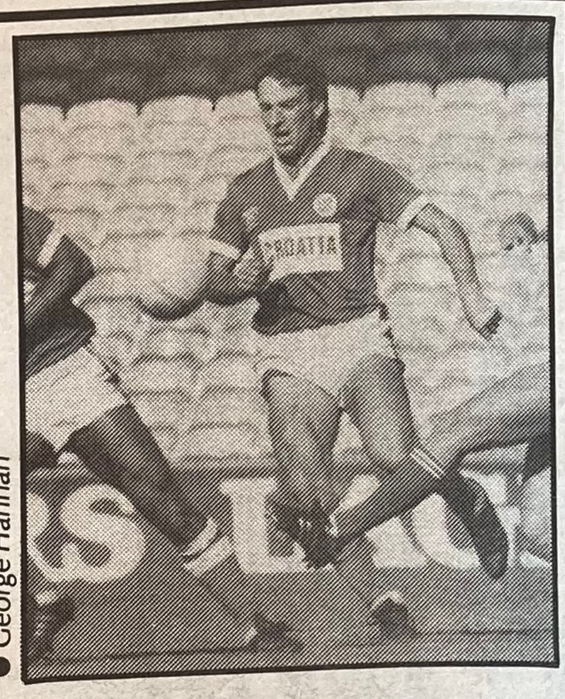
MELBOURNE J.U.S.T. v MELBOURNE CROATIA

Saturday Jan. 21
Olympic Park
K.O. 8.15 p.m.



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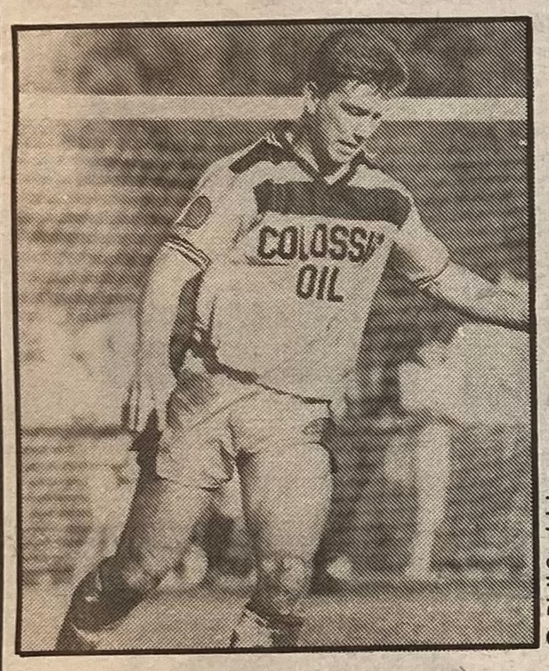

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HEIDELBERG UNITED V SYDNEY OLYMPIC

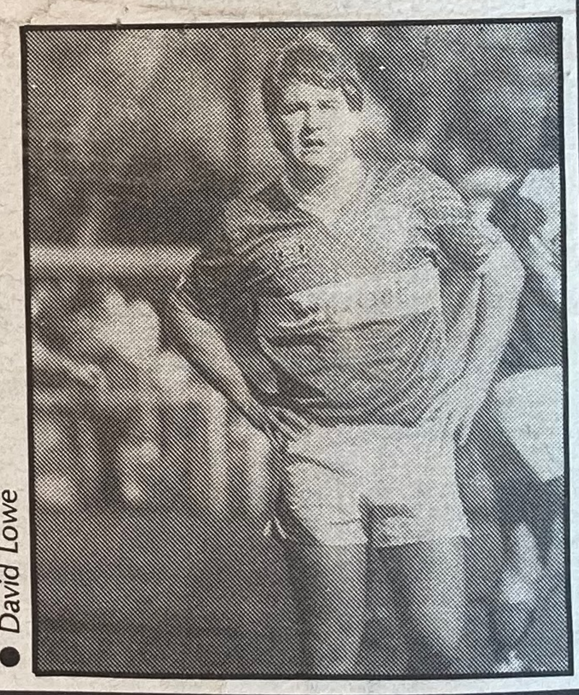
Olympic Village
Sunday Jan. 22
K.O. 6.00 p.m.

• Clint Glosling

• Ian Roodhouse

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MARCONI

Olympic Park
Sunday Jan. 22
K.O. 6.00 p.m.



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ST. GEORGE v SOUTH MELBOURNE
ST. GEORGE STADIUM Friday — K.O. 7.30 p.m.

BLACKTOWN CITY v ADELAIDE CITY —
GABBIE STADIUM Saturday K.O. 6p.m.

SYDNEY CROATIA v SUNSHINE GEORGE
CROSS — CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE Sunday K.O. 6p.m.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT v WOLLONGONG CITY
— LAMBERT PARK Sunday K.O. 6p.m.